

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing Assembly Bill 502, which requires an applicant for a finance lenders license to submit fingerprints for a criminal history background check under the California Finance Lenders Law.

I am sensitive to the industry's concern that this legislation may result in application delays due to fingerprinting of individuals who may be principals in numerous subsidiary organizations multiple times.

The Department of Corporations maintains a record of individuals who have submitted fingerprints for a criminal history background check under any law administered by the department. I am directing the Department of Corporations to take the necessary and appropriate steps, including rulemaking, if needed, to ensure that AB 502 does not result in duplicate fingerprint submissions for the same individual or application delays.

With this procedure in place, this bill will add greater borrower protections for consumers against unscrupulous actors, without adding an unnecessary burden on applicants under the California Finance Lenders Law.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger